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48 CFR Part 6

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Sequence 1]

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Federal Acquisition Regulation; Delete Outdated FAR
Reference to the DoD Industrial Preparedness Program

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services

Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space

Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to delete references to the obsolete "DoD Industrial Preparedness Program".

DATES: Effective Date: [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.]

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content. For information pertaining to status or
publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at
202-501-4755. Please cite FAC 2005-61, FAR Case 2012-026.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule to delete references to the obsolete "DoD Industrial Preparedness Program" at FAR 6.302-3(b)(iv).

In 1992, DoD rescinded the following regulations for the DoD's Industrial Preparedness Program: DoD Directive 4005.1, Industrial Preparedness Program; and DoD Instruction 4005.3, Industrial Preparedness Planning. References to the program have already been removed from the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) (71 FR 39004, July 11, 2006).

II. Publication of this final rule for public comment is not required by statute

"Publication of proposed regulations", 41 U.S.C. 1707, is the statute which applies to the publication of the FAR. Paragraph (a)(1) of the statute requires that a procurement policy, regulation, procedure or form (including an amendment or modification thereof) must be published for public comment if it relates to the expenditure of appropriated funds, and has either a significant effect beyond the internal operation procedures of the agency issuing the policy, regulation, procedure or form, or has a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. This final rule is not required to be published for public comment because it only deletes references to an obsolete program; which has neither a significant effect

beyond the internal operation procedures of the agency issuing the policy, regulation, procedure or form, nor has a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors.

III. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply to this rule because this final rule does not constitute a significant FAR revision, and 41 U.S.C. 1707 does not require publication for public comment.

V. Paperwork Reduction Act

The final rule does not contain any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

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Dated: September 7, 2012

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Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR part 6 as set forth below:

PART 6-COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 6 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 51 U.S.C. 20113.

6.302-3 [Amended]

2. Amend section 6.302-3 by removing paragraph
(b)(1)(iv); and redesignating paragraphs (b)(1)(v) through
(b)(1)(vii) as paragraphs (b)(1)(iv) through (b)(1)(vi),
respectively.

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